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## ***Happy Holidays from Youth Philanthropy Connect!***

From all of us on the Youth Philanthropy Connect team, we wish you all the best this holiday season! We're so grateful for your giving to make the world a better place and your support over the past year!

Below are our 'sweet treats' for you as we end the year!

***We wish you a joyous holiday season and a happy new year!***



**Need a last minute youth philanthropy gift idea?  
Check out our list of books and resources [here!](#)**



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## ***Three Sweet Treats***

***(try saying that three times fast...)***

**1. Teen Philanthropy Café Reader on  
Grantmaking**



Our 2014 partnership with [Exponent Philanthropy](#) was to increase the number of age-appropriate resources for young philanthropists available to small foundations wanting to engage and develop their next generation. As a part of this partnership, Exponent Philanthropy has developed a series of seven Teen Philanthropy Café readers to introduce young people to strategic, thoughtful philanthropy, and inspire them toward giving with impact. Families and adults who work with teens and teens themselves can use these

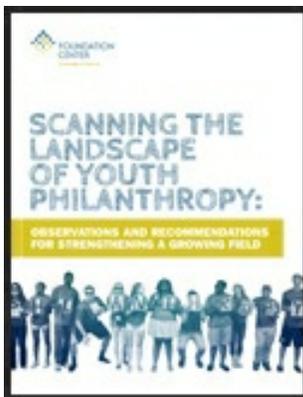
guides to facilitate discussions and fun activities around giving.

As a part of a special holiday gift to you, Exponent Philanthropy invites you to preview the first reader for **free** in anticipation of the full series to be released in early 2015!

*Topics coming in 2015 include: Collaboration, Leadership for a Changing World, The Nonprofit Universe, The Path to Impact, Thoughtful Site Visits, and Using Your Voice.*

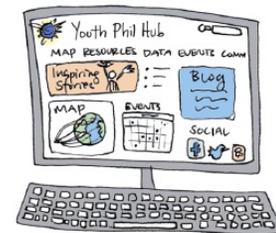
**[Check out the Reader on GRANTMAKING Here!](#)**

## 2. The Landscape of Youth Philanthropy Report & Webinar Recording



This newly released report, **Scanning the Landscape of Youth Philanthropy: Observations and Recommendations for Strengthening a Growing Field** shares reflections on an in-depth examination of the story and needs of youth grantmaking (young people making monetary contributions to organizations through established institutions or governing bodies). The report finds that while more than 200 foundations worldwide offer youth grantmaking programs and there are more than 100 related youth philanthropy resources, providing wider access to youth philanthropy programs, centralizing resources, and increasing in-person gatherings will help strengthen this growing field. This scan was conducted by the [Foundation Center](#) in partnership with Youth

Philanthropy Connect.



**[Download the Free Report Here!](#)**

We also curated a webinar in partnership with the [Foundation Center](#) and [E.P.I.P. \(Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy\)](#) entitled *The Future of Philanthropy: A Closer Look at Youth Grantmaking*, where we shared what we discovered, heard from dynamic youth about the impact it has made on their lives, and showed how you can take part in their inspiring movement!

**[Watch or Listen to the Recording Here!](#)**

*If you would like to set-up a meeting to discuss this report and how you can be involved in Phase 2 of the project, please contact [Annie](#).*

## 3. Youth Philanthropy Connect Hits the Road! Announcing our first 2015 Regional Gathering...in Houston on May 2!

SAVE THE DATE

THE GREATER HOUSTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
INVITES YOU TO

YOUTH PHILANTHROPY  
ON THE ROAD

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE ★ HOUSTON, TX

5.2.15



This day-long multi-generational conference will be a chance for families and youth from the Southwest region to learn from each other about youth in philanthropy. The program is geared toward families with children/grandchildren ages 8 - 21.



Program chairs:  
Ernie and Stephanie Cockrell

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Expanding Philanthropic Impact

1995-2015  
**20 YEARS OF  
IMPACT**

As we shared last month, Youth Philanthropy Connect is partnering with youth philanthropy advocates across the US to host five, day-long regional events in the Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, Southwest, and Midwest. These will provide a way to reach new and connect existing youth philanthropy audiences and expand youth grantmaking and educational programming.

We are proud to announce the date for our **Southwest Regional Gathering** in **Houston, Texas** on **May 2nd, 2015** in partnership with the [Greater Houston Community Foundation](#) and [Philanthropy Southwest](#)!



We are also VERY pleased to continue our partnership with [Foundant Technologies](#) to support Giving Circles at the regional gatherings!

***Additional information and registration will be announced in the coming months. If you are interested in partnering with YPC to help sponsor, host, and/or plan a gathering(s), please contact [Annie Hernandez](#).***

## Next Gen Opportunities for 2015!

We're keeping track of opportunities for next gen philanthropists and wanted to share these from early 2015! Check out these programs to get involved!

### Exponent Philanthropy's Next Gen Fellows Program



The Next Gen Fellows Program is an exclusive 6-month training fellowship for members of the next generation (ages 18-35) who are currently or soon-to-be involved in foundations as trustees or staff.

During an inspiring and enriching 6 months, you will:

- learn from field leaders about the philanthropic sector, including best practices and emerging trends that may inform your giving
- practice new skills in a safe and encouraging environment
- set a personal learning agenda to address the gaps you identify
- come away with an unmatched peer group-and an expert mentor-to call on for support and ideas.

### 21/64's #NextGenDonors Retreat

February 5-6, 2015, in New York City

You may remember 21/64's #NextGenDonors report created in partnership with the Johnson Center on Philanthropy. Based on this research, they've created the #NextGenDonors retreat for those seeking a peer learning experience about philanthropy.

The Retreat will be a fusion of experiential learning and purposeful skill building, all keenly designed for next gen donors to become strategic and effective in their philanthropic decision-making, expand and strengthen their next gen donors network and inspire them to take next steps in their own giving, individually and/or collectively. Registration is now open!



#NEXTGENDONORS

21/64 also facilitates an ongoing network of next-generation family members (ages 18-28) who are involved or will be involved in their family philanthropy one day called **Grand Street**. They have an upcoming retreat on January 16th in NYC if you are interested in participating! Registration is now open!

### Resource Generation's Transforming Family Philanthropy Retreat

May 29-31, IslandWood retreat center, near Seattle, WA

The Transforming Family Philanthropy retreat (previously known as Creating Change Through Family Philanthropy) will equip young people involved in their families' foundations or philanthropy with the relationships, skills, and vision to transform philanthropy for social change. Registration opens in January!

**Thank you, Colton Strawser!**



Colton Strawser, our Marketing and Communications Intern for this fall, has left YPC to pursue another important internship opportunity as a part of his dual degree program in Nonprofit Management & Philanthropy and Higher Education Administration.

***We thank Colton for all his hard work for YPC and wish him the best of luck in all future endeavors!***

## STAY CONNECTED WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Join us on social media to find out more about Youth Philanthropy Connect and hear about youth philanthropy programs and pertinent news such as:

[Why Parents Should Introduce Philanthropy to Their Children](#)

[Highland Street Foundation Gives Positive Tracks \\$25,000 To Activate Youth Philanthropy Initiative](#)

[Nominations open for \\$36K teen philanthropy award](#)

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